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RELATION

Of all the proceedings of Sir *Hugh Cholmleys* Revolt, deserting the Parliament, and going to the Queen, with the regaining of *Scarborough* Castle, by the care of Sir *Iohn Hotham*, and the courage and industry of Captain *Bushel*.

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Sent in two Letters, the one from Sir Iohn Hotham *to M.* Speaker, *the other, from a worthy Captain to a Member of the honourable House of Commons.*

Die Martis 4 Aprilis 1643.

It is this day ordered by the Commons in Parliament, that these two Letters concerning Sir *Hugh Cholmley's* Revolt, and the re-taking of *Scarborough* Castle, shall be forthwith printed and published.

H. Elsynge, Cler. Parl. D. Com.

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A Letter from Sir IOHN HOTHAM *to Maſter Speaker of the Honourable Houſe of Commons.*

SIR,

Am very ſorry, I have this unhappy occaſion to write to you, which is Sir *Hugh Cholmleys* Revolt; who has of late taken a Commiſſion from the King, for the forces hee had raiſed by authority of Parliament, & for the Caſtle of *Scarborough*; It ſeems he thought at firſt to have carried it ſo cloſely, as to have (before I perceived) retired all hee had in this Towne, and for that purpoſe ſent Captaine *Buſhell* with a Ship and ſeven peeces of Ordnance in her; But as God would have it, I had the night before a ſecret intelligence ſent me of it, and ſo have the Ship and Ordnance ſure: And thereupon inſtantly diſpatched a Catch to Captaine *Haddock*, and our Ships that ride Northward to give them notice of it, leſt little ſuſpecting his revolt they might put into that Haven and be entrapped, and my Catch being at Sea well mann'd and having in her four ſmall Guns, met with a *Scarborough* Ship and Ammunition going from the Parliament to him, which was three pieces of Ordinance, twenty barrels of powder, forty Carabines, ſome Piſtols and Swords, and two great Fats of Match, all which they ſeiſed upon, and brought hither, and it ſhall, God willing, be better employed. Captain *Buſhell* proteſts deeply his innocency, and more then that he was to bring back ſome of Sir *Hughs* things from *Hull*, he knew not any thing of the buſineſſe, and ſweares to mee hee will doe his utmoſt ſervice for you. Moſt of Sir *Hughs* Officers, and a very great many both of his horſe and foot have forſaken him, and are now at *Hull* with mee: Sir *Thomas Nortcliff*, a ſon in law of mine came from him to mee yeſternight with thirty good horſe, and tels me he hopes, the reſt will follow his Captaine, Lievtenant *Vanderhurſt* came with him, Captain *Ledgard* a Kinſman of mine, that I ſent from hence, hath likewiſe left him: But Lievtenant Colonell *Alured* was the firſt that conſented to joyn with him in this bad action. Thus have I truly related to you by my firſt opportunity, the whole progreſſe of this unfortunate attempt wherein hee hath utterly loſt himſelf, but God be bleſt, done your buſineſſe no prejudice.

The two Dutchmen are exceeding gallant men, and have done you very good ſervice, the ones name is *Froome*, the other *Vnderhurſt*; I have in your name, aſſured them of your conſtant reſpect to all fidelity. Sir, ther ſhall no opportunity of doing the Houſe ſervice ſcape me; and ſince I ſent Captaine *Buſhell* thither, hee has performed his Truſt gallantly, impriſoned one *Iames Cholmley* whom Sir *Hugh* had left there; and ſeized upon the Caſtle. I ſent my Catch with more Souldiers to relieve him, and twenty pound to the Souldiers in the Caſtle to drink.

Sir, I ever remayne your moſt humble Servant,

Iohn Hotham.

SIR,

ALthough I cannot but believe you have already heard of the rendring the Caſtle of *Scarborough*, by Sir *Hugh Cholmley* to the Cavaliers, yet becauſe (it may be) ſome may be deſirous to be ſatisfied how it comes to paſſe that a Fort of that ſtrength ſhould be put into another hand without bloud, to give you & al the world ſatisfactiō in that particular, I have addreſſed theſe unto you being my old friend and acquaintance, and blame me not (I beſeech you) if in doing it I exceed the bounds of a Letter, for I deſire to ſet forth all the circumſtances according to truth, and when I have ſo done let the blame ſtick where it is, I hope my ſelfe and other the Officers who quitted the employment, ſhall appeare to be honeſt men, and to have done nothing but what was fit for thoſe who had a care of the publick, as well as their own private intereſts.

Upon Friday the tenth of March (as I take it) Sir *Hugh Cholmley*, to whoſe truſt the Caſtle was commited by Parliament, and by him to me in his abſence came to *Scarborough* from *Beverley*, whither upon the taking of *Stamford* bridge by the Enemy, he was retreated from *Malton* (it being conceived not tenable, as the Enemies forces then lay.) I dare not ſay that at his return thither, he had any intention to betray the Caſtle, for the very next day, hee call'd my ſelfe and the reſt of his Officers to conſult touching the putting of forces

forces into the Caſtle of *Pickering*, and the breaking downe *Yeddingham*, and *How bridges* for the preſervation of *Pickeringlythe* which all of us conceived to be very neceſſary, and for that purpoſe Captaine *Froome*, a German, who commanded his owne troope, Sir *Tho: Nortcliffe* with his troop of Dragooners, and another troop of Dragooners commanded by one Lievtenant *Strangways* (*Medley* the Captaine being formerly taken priſoner at *Yarum*) were ſent abroad, but by the way they found the Enemy was got before them, and had poſſeſſed themſelves of *Pickering* Towne and Caſtle with ſome other Towns not far diſtant, and had placed divers Muſquetiers at *How* bridge (being the moſt conſiderable) for the ſecuring of that paſſage againſt us: So that it was utterly impoſſible for them without certain ruine, or at leaſt extream danger to effect that they were ſent for. Yet falling happily upon ſome of the Enemies forces at *Thornton*, who were newly come thither from plundring Sir *John Hotham* and his Tenants at *Fyling* they reſolved to charge them, which accordingly they did, not ſurprizing them in their quarters, as was falſly ſuggeſted by the other party: for Captain *Froom*, cauſed a Piſtoll to be diſcharged at the Town end, and a Drum to be beat a quarter of a mile ere he came to the Towne, by which the Enemy had the alarme, and put themſelves in a poſture of defence, but God gave the victory to us, and delivered into our hands one and twenty priſoners, of which one was a Serjeant Major, another a Captain, a 3d. a Lievtenant, two Cornets, with one of their Colours, two Quarter-maſters, three Corporals, a Trumpeter and a Farrier, the reſt were common Troopers, there being at that time two or three Troops more of the Enemy within 12 ſcore (who had not the ſpirit to aſſiſt their fellows) and neere upon 500 more within a mile or two, which occaſioned our men (having intelligence of it) not to proſecute that ſucceſſe ſo fully as otherwiſe they would if the Enemy had been further diſtant: Theſe priſoners were brought to *Scarborough*, where they were uſed with all humanity (wherein it muſt be acknowledged, hee hath not been awanting to any he hath heretofore taken; notwithſtanding the cruell uſage of his men which were taken at *Yarum*: After ſome time letters paſſed betwixt him, Collonel *Goring* and others, and upon one day two Trumpets came to *Scarborough*, the one from Collonell *Goring* at *Yorke*, the other from Sir *Francis Mackworth* at *Thornton* where the forementioned conflict was, and where the Enemy at that time lay quartered. My ſelfe and others were made believe theſe Trumpets came for exchange of Priſoners; though I confeſſe I wondered much two Trumpets ſhould come from two places at one time for one and the ſame buſineſſe; Yet ſuch was my reſpect unto him, and my confidence in

his fidelity, that I ſoone anſwered my ſelfe, with this that it might well be, and ſo, ſaid nothing of it to any man. I doe not know what the contents of thoſe Letters were, but after that, I found, he would at ſeverall times advance the Kings and the Earle of *Newcaſtles* Forces, exceedingly undervaluing thoſe under the command of the Earle of *Eſſex* and the Lord *Fairfax*, hee often affirmed hee was ſleighted by the Parliament, to whom he had ſeverall times written for ſupplies, but could never obtain them in that meaſure that hee deſired. What his intentions were in it whither to ſound my fidelity, or for ſome other end I know not, but I indeavoured to give him as ſatisfactory an anſwer as I could, yet did not all this time imagine or conceit that he intended any way to defraud the truſt concreded to him by the Parliament.

Mr. *James Cholmely* his kinſman (whoſe ſonne ſerves the Earle of *Crawford*, and who I feare hath had too great an influence upon him in this buſines) was afterward (as I imagine) ſent to *Yorke* about the effecting of this fine deſigne, though at his returne he gave it out with many deep proteſtations that riding into the Country about ſome buſineſſe, hee was made priſoner by the Enemy about 6 miles from *Scarborough*, and carryed to *Yorke*, from whence by means of ſome friend and acquaintance he there meet with, hee ſaid, he had happily eſcaped.

On Munday the 20. of March Sir *Hugh Cholmley* rid early abroad with one ſervant onely, and leſt I ſhould ſuſpect ſomething, ſent one to me, to tell me he was gone to meet Sir *John Hotham*, that they might conſult touching the ſending of Forces to him for clearing that ſide of the Countreys: but he deſired if any asked for him, I ſhould ſay he was gone to *Whitby* his owne houſe to take care for the preſervation of it and the Towne, which had formerly made good expreſſions of fidelity to the King and Parliament. I expected he would have returned at night, but finding he did not, wondered at it, yet feared no change, becauſe I ſuſpected nothing, conceiving the place of meeting with Sir *John Hotham*, and the length of the conſultation might very well retard his returne till the next day. He then returned and told me, hee had ſtayd the night before at *Ganton* (a friends houſe to us both being 6 miles from *Scarborough*) which becauſe I knew nothing to the contrary, nor dreamed of any falſity, I did eaſily beleeve. On Thurſday morning he ſent Captaine *Browne Buſhell* to *Hull* with a ſmall Ship, which he and I, and ſome others had newly ſet forth to reſtraine proviſions for going to *Newcaſtle*, with directions to bring from thence certain money and other things which lay there for him, but I was neither made acquainted with his going by Sir *Hugh* nor ſuſpected

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any ill intentions for delivery of the Castle untill Friday betwixt [illegible] of the clock at night that he sent for me up into the Castle (where he lay) and after some discourse fell to magnifie the Kings forces, and at last told me plainly he was at *Yorke* on Munday before with the Queen, that he resolved to hold the Castle for the King, and by Commission from him, and that hee intended the next day so to declare himselfe, asking me my resolution concerning it. I told him, he gave me very short warning; Yet I hoped (although I conceived he had dealt very ill with me being his neere kinsman, and whom hee had ingaged in the same service with him) to capitulate touching the rendring of the Castle without making me acquainted before hand with it that I might provide for my owne safety) he would give me leave to use my conscience, which he said he was willing to doe; I then desired him I might have liberty to passe to *Hull* with my wife and children, and that I might have a note from him to that purpose, which he promised to doe; and further, that if I were taken by the way, he would procure my inlargement. I spake to him further concerning his breach of trust, and told him what a dishonour it would bee to himselfe, and what a staine to his posterity thus to violate it, and would gladly have perswaded him to have continued faithfull, offering to goe post my selfe to *London* for him, and to labour to obtaine such conditions for him from the Parliament, as he should approve and like of; But he answered he was ingaged and resolved to performe what hee had promised, and so I left him, and presently went into the Town to consult with a friend what course to run, but he not being within, I returned to my owne house. About ten of the clocke at night I received letters from *Hull*, by which I had notice of his resolution, together with a packet to himselfe from Sir *Iohn Hotham*, which because I conceived there might be in it some good advice, and for that I was desirous hee should consult with his pillow about it, I was very carefull to see delivered, and therefore sent one of my servants up with it to the Castle. It seemes the Letters were of another effect then I suspected, for Sir *Iohn Hotham* having notice of his resolution to render the Castle, and conceiving Captaine *Bushell* was by him imployed to *Hull* with no good intent, and not knowing whither he might comply with him or not in that bad action, had made stay of Captain *Bushell*, and the Ship, and thereof gave him notice by those letters. He wisht my man to tell me I should come to him to the Castle in the morning, which accordingly I did; He told mee what Sir *Iohn Hotham* had done to *Bushell* and that he must stay mee in lieu of him till hee were delivered, yet promised to protect mee from violence, and that I should not receive the least

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prejudice, and upon my faith given not to ſtirre without his licence, he was content I ſhould walke at liberty. I preſently diſpatcht a meſſenger to *Hull* to give Sir *Iohn Hotham* notice of theſe proceedings, and indeavoured my ſelfe in the mean time to get my goods on Shipboard, that I might take an opportunity of getting my Family and them away (if it might bee) though I ſtayed behinde my ſelfe. After my departure he ſent for Sir *Thomas Norcliffe*, Captaine *Froom*, Captaine *Vanderhurſt* a Dutchman, who commanded his Foot company, and other his Officers to whom hee imparted his reſolution. Sir *Thomas Norcliffe* ſo much miſliked the buſineſſe, that he preſently departed to *Hull*, *Froom* told him he would be ready to ſerve him in an honeſt way, but never uſed to bee of the Traytours company, *Vanderhurſt* and ſome others tooke time to deliberate. About nine of the clocke *Froom*, *Vanderhurſt* with about 8 or 9. troopers came to my houſe to adviſe with me what was to bee done; We debated the buſineſſe, and truly the Souldiers were very ill pleaſed that he dealt ſo with us, and ſhowed themſelves very forward to have marched up to the Caſtle, and have made him priſoner. The men were all ſtrangers to me, and two of them to this Kingdome, and therefore I held it no great diſcretion to diſcover my ſelfe too far unto them whoſe hearts I knew not, nor whither ſome of them might not be ſent by him to ſift and circumvent me, and it may be, if I had ſhewed my ſelf extreme forward in it, ſome of them might have been jealous of me, becauſe I was his kinſman: I returned this anſwer; That for my owne part I would adventure my skin in the quarrell as freely as any man, but as for attempting to ſurprize the Caſtle, I could not aſſent unto it for theſe reaſons; It was a place of great ſtrength, and advantage to him that was then within it, The Inhabytants of the Towne were extreme malignant, wee had not felt the pulſe of the Souldiers, nor knew how they ſtood affected, nor what the Gunners intended to do, who were the men muſt do much of the buſineſſe if it came to action (three of which were but newly brought in by him, and one or two of thoſe three had formerly borne part in a mutiny which was made againſt one in the Towne by ſome ill affected perſons for which I had puniſht them, and therefore had the leſſe reaſon to truſt them.) But beſides all this, I told them there was a powerfull enemy at hand (or at leaſt within call) from whom we muſt expect certaine ruine if wee ſhould ſhew our ſelves, and not goe through with the buſineſſe as wee deſired. As we were thus debating the buſineſſe, comes one in and informes us, that there were two Troopes of horſe at the Townes end, which quite ſpoyled all our buſineſſe, for although the report was grounded upon a miſtake, either of ſome

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Market people who were then comming to the Market, or elſe of Sir *Thomas Norcliffes* Dragoones, many of which went that day from *Scarborough* after their Captaine, yet becauſe it was not without probability, it cauſed us to breake off our diſcourſe, and this was the very reaſon why wee did nothing, for it could not ſinke into our heads that any man of diſcretion ſhould bee ſo impudent as to betray a Fort, and have no power of the Enemy to joyne with him in caſe he ſhould find oppoſition within, eſpecially when the chiefe Officers had not bin formerly conſulted with, nor their affections tryed, nor any party made amongſt the Souldiers, to make that good which was intended. After this I had ſeverall thoughts what to do. It grieved mee to ſee the Caſtle thus loſt, but I was jealous of my power to helpe it: Many things came into my mind, and a great conflict I had in my ſelfe touching the point of aſſaſſination, and whither in point of conſcience, it were lawfull without any by-ends of ones own to kill an Enemy to God and his Countrey, as my heart told me he was, and ſo taking him away in his ſin, ſend him in all probability to Hell. At laſt I reſolved *in dubiis, optimum eſt ſequi tutiorem partem*, and therefore chuſed rather to watch an opportunity, if I could to make him priſoner, To which purpoſe I went up to the Caſtle, I conferred with ſeverall Souldiers, whom I found cordiall to the Cauſe, yet fearfull to ingage themſelves without good force to back them. I ſpoke with an Officer who muſt be nameleſſe, who ſeemed much to lament the Colonels Apoſtacy, and deſired of me to know what was to be done; I asked him if he would be honeſt, he proteſted he would; I wiſhed him then to clap to my Lievtenant (whom he had corrupted, and who then ſtood like *Cerberus* keeping hell gates) as I would to the Colonell, and wee would make them both priſoners. Hee askt mee touching the affections of the Souldiers, I told him I was confident, they were right and would ſtick to us; ſo downe we went to the Guard together, to ſee the number of them, and to prepare them before hand for our intended deſigne: Juſt as wee were going downe came the Colonell, and three or foure of his ſervants armed with Piſtols, ſo that wee were forced to breake off our communication, and went along with him: As we came by the Guard he ſtayed and told the ſouldiers what he intended, but proteſted hee aymed at nothing, but the peace of the Country and obedience to the King, I hearing that anſwered I hoped we had not bin in a way of rebellion all this time. At which word hee catched mee by the hand and calling for halfe a ſcore musket-tires ſaid he would teach me to rule my tongue: I told him if he hangd me I muſt and would ſpeake having ſo good reaſon for it, and ſo was I carryed guarded with his ſervants and thoſe Musketiers to his houſe where I remained

till upon ſetling of both our hot bloud, he was content to let me goe, with my wife, children, and goods to *Hull*, upon my promiſe firſt made to procure Sir *John Hotham* to inlarge Captaine *Buſhell* within two dayes, or elſe returne to *Scarborough* within that time, which I aſſured him I would do; and therupon had his licence to depart that night by ſea for *Hull*. On Munday I there arrived and that day obtained *Buſhels* inlargement who the next day returned to *Scarborough*, but never got any thankes for it from him who ſeemed ſo tender over him as you ſhall heare afterwards. Captaine *Froom*, and Captaine *Vanderhurſt* followed me with almoſt all the troope, and divers of the foot ſouldiers who now ſerve under me at *Hull*, where by Sir *John Hotham* I am againe put into imployment as are alſo the other two Captaines, *Froom* being made Captaine of the troup hee brought with him and *Vanderhuſt* his Lievtenant according to their owne deſires. And thus Sir, you have all the particular circumſtances of this bad action; let me begge your patience but a little and you ſhall have the ſecond part of the ſtory, which I hope will give both your ſelfe and all honeſt men better ſatisfaction.

Captain *Buſhell* (though Cozen German to the Collonell) did ſo little approve of his kinſmans ways, that he made many proteſtations ere he went from *Hull* to recover the Caſtle thus perfidiouſly loſt. It fell out happily that Mr. *Iames Cholmley* a man of no great experience was made Captain of the Caſtle and *Henry Buſhell* (who is Captain *Buſhells* Brother) his lievtenant. The two brothers conferre together and at twelve of the Clock at night, on Thurſday laſt the Captain with 4 more was let in by his brother, who had prepared the Souldiers (ready enough to revolt from that ſide they liked not) with Beere and Tobacco, he acquainting the ſouldiers with his intentions, they promiſed to ſtick to him, the ſergeant who commanded the guard was layd hold on, the Gunners were next ſurprized; but ſwore fidelity, there was nothing left now but to get the Tower, a place of great ſtrength where the Captaine was lodged, and in which all the amunition and proviſions for the Caſtle were layd. For the effecting hereof the Serjeant was cauſed to knock at the gate and to tell the keeper of the Magazin who came to know what was the matter that there was an alarme in the Town and that the ſouldiers muſt be furniſht with powder and ſhott, Credit being given hereunto and the gate opened *Buſhell* entred with his ſouldiers, commanded the delivery of the keyes and thereby became Maſter of the Caſtle without one drop of bloud ſpilt on either ſide and in it of the new made Captain, and the next morning of one Captain *Sunderland* and ſome other Cavaliers who were come to rejoyce with their new gotten freind. And thus the Caſtle of *Scarbrough* which both in my owne and the opinion of

many being well and ſufficiently provided is able to oppoſe an army of 10000 men was twice taken in one weeke: firſt by treachery, and afterwards by honeſt policy, and is now in the hands of Captain *Buſhell*, who vowes to hold it for the King and Parliament, and ſooner to blow up the fabrick then that ever it ſhould come into the hands of the Cavaliers: This day he writ Letters to Sir *Iohn Hotham* for aſſiſtance, which he hath taken care to be ſent to him to morrow morning. I hope the Parliament will thinke of him that recovered it, and give him ſuch requitall as ſhall incourage both him and all others to adhere and ſtick cloſe unto them: I will trouble you no further at preſent being weary with writing, If I may receive any letters from you the next week here at *Hull*, I ſhall be willing to hold Intelligence with you, and to let you know the paſſages of the North. However, Sir, I aſſure you none is more truly yours, then

Hull Good-friday 1643.

Your affectionate friend and ſervant.

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